

Booth 1. Optics

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St Luke XVI.1-

And he said also unto the disciples, There was a certain rich man,
which had a steward & the same was accused unto him that he was
wasting his goods. And he called ~~unto~~ him, & said unto him,
What is this that I hear of thee? render the account of thy steward-
ship; for thou canst no longer be steward. And the steward said
within himself, What shall I do, seeing

II The disciples learn about riches

24 The disciples speak the Lord,
— Surely, an unexpected word!
Poor men were they and kind as they

(24) The needs of one day to forget;
And now their Lord ^{all at once} ^{kindly} ^{words} ^{to them}

~~Then for a season they were all at once
Cynical & scornful and with a sneer
They would have said 'What a display of
foolishness! They are anxious to display
that they should have a large sum of money!
In such a way as to show their
ways. They should not be so anxious!~~

They heard the tale of that rich man
Whose vast estates in ordered plan
Were by this clever steward ministered
To show his cares the Lord transferred:

"Now, what to do things high & great?
"The Master sure forgets our state!"
But as the tale proceeds, they find
Words that disc^{lose} ^{the} ^{man's} ^{ingenuity}

What if each ^{owned} a Master, great
Of both mighty wealth & vast estate
What if each were a steward let
Some ample ^{rent} ^{of} ^{his} ^{lord's} ^{to} ^{let} ^{secure} ^{into} ^{his} ^{treasury}?

This steward was a rascal; he
Plan out at his master's ^{wealth}
His his ^{master's} ^{treasure}
And spent the ^{money} ^{on} ^{his} ^{own} ^{pleasure}.

What if each were a steward let
Some ample ^{rent} ^{of} ^{his} ^{lord's} ^{to} ^{let} ^{secure} ^{into} ^{his} ^{treasury}?

The health of the, the wealth of friends,
 God's ^{power} ~~power~~, ~~ought~~ used for their ~~own~~ ends,
 Reproached their men; What should they do?
 Receiving that Christ all things knew?
 'It is too hard,' & 'What's the point?'
 They murmured in their ~~own~~ ^{wayward} mood,
 'Best throw it up & make the most
 Of this world ^{we've} ~~to~~ ^{leave} ~~at~~ ^{heavy} ~~cost~~!'

Mr. Pharo's Scylla

2 The Pharisees, lovers of money! ^{See Nov 18}

1 How did the scorn of men in our world,
 They scold & sing & who hate not, but know to
 The ease of wealth, the joy of doing good,
 The enjoyment that belongs to him who hath good,
 As well should they be holding out for almost
^{more up} at the service of a lordly house,
 And say "In me and cook, no viands choice,
 My meat comes as the birds' prepared and fit,
 Not harness'd & I, with nice observance!"
 So the that hath not boasts o'er them that have!
 The Lord of Cath no men hath, praise that men esteem,
 Of ours what all men covet, as desired,
 What more has life to offer? In men's sight,
 Happy are ye, the envy of the crowd,
 Ye haughty rich men,
 Pharisee. Is not that enough?
 What ^{more} wouldst thou have them to stand with men,
 And test abundance?
 The Lord What ^{is} ~~is~~ with you?
 All this ye have, where the uneasy thoughts
 That ^{disturb} ~~disturb~~ your dreams, drive deep care away?
 Of know, for all your getting, God is there;
 He is aware of that poor, soiled place,
 Bereft of promising of grace & joy,
 The rich man's ^{work} ~~work~~!
~~Pharisee~~ But who can give

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May, then, but who can ~~find~~ ^{find}
 Save him who hath? The dictionary goeth along
 And the poor rise up & bless him! men
 The Lord ~~may not that they're accepted, while they find~~
~~Months and their alms do~~ ^{Months and their alms do}
~~Not claim, and are acceptable to God~~ ^{Not claim, and are acceptable to God}
 But what they love, ~~desires~~ ^{desires} let God
 We ever let it be their thoughts' ~~rejoice~~ ^{rejoice}
 Thus serve up ~~riches~~ ^{riches} which, above'd of God
 So ~~off~~ your desire, your ever present thought
 The angels have collected of you!

The Phenice Thank'd them the more rich men can please of
 What of our Father Abraham?

The Lord ~~will~~ ^{will} ~~accept~~ ^{accept} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~Abraham~~ ^{Abraham}
 Cit down with Abraham. ~~Not then~~ ^{Not then} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~Phenice~~ ^{Phenice}
 Their riches bent for service, ~~long~~ ^{long} ~~tried~~ ^{tried}
~~Long enough to find~~ ^{Long enough to find} ~~away~~ ^{away}

Phenice

The Lord ~~May~~ ^{May} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~God~~ ^{God} ~~your~~ ^{your} ~~thoughts~~ ^{thoughts} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~how~~ ^{how} ~~you~~ ^{you}
 That's hold a loan, with interest to be paid!
 If order your life, ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~God~~ ^{God} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~order~~ ^{order} ~~may~~ ^{may} ~~praise~~ ^{praise};
 They praise, indeed; but, see you, as a host
 Unwilling, your hearts are read of God. He looks
 With other eyes. all pomp & circumstance
 That catch ~~man's~~ ^{man's} eyes, above'd in thing of His.
 Is there our ~~own~~ ^{own} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~adoration~~ ^{adoration} there.
 The ~~inner~~ ^{inner} ~~most~~ ^{most} ~~precious~~ ^{precious} heart.